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PATTERSON SEES HIS FINISH

From the Palatka Times-Herald we learn the following additional particulars regarding the arrest of W. A. Patterson, the DeLand bigamist:

William Patterson, a traveling agent for an insurance company, is in serious trouble. On Wednesday he was tried before Judge Cox on a charge of adultery, and, waiving examination, was held in \$250 bond to appear before the grand jury at the next term of court. Patterson is a man of splendid address and genial manners, and comes from one of the best families in Georgia. He has a wife in St. Augustine. On one of his expeditions he met a young lady at DeLand, and was subsequently married to her. On arriving here he put up at one of the hotels, and was arrested on the charge named above. When this court gets through with him, he will have to answer to the charge of bigamy in Volusia county.

From Sheriff Turner, who was in Daytona last Saturday afternoon, we learn that the girl whom Patterson wronged is soon to become a mother, which greatly increases the wrong done her by the miserable scoundrel, and ought to at least double his punishment.

Sheriff Turner says that he will bring Patterson back to this county for trial as soon as possible.

Miss McCorkle belongs to a good and much respected family in DeLand. Her mother keeps a boardinghouse, and Patterson was a boarder in the McCorkle house when he inveigled the girl into the mock marriage.

When she met Patterson, it is said, she was engaged to marry an honest, hard-working, but poor young man, living in DeLand. But Patterson so bedazzled her that she gave the honest lover the mitten and tied up with the handsome stranger. It is the old, old story. It has happened over and over again, and is fearfully told in the "Gypsy's Warning," "Romola," "Adam Bede," and other well-known stories. But some poor girls never learn caution save by bitter experience.

Patterson cut a wide swath here as a confidence operator, and got in debt to nearly every person with whom he came in contact. He always had a plausible excuse for wanting something, and his tales of woe and misfortune were always of a character to excite sympathy and disarm suspicion. So far as we know, he only struck two snags in Daytona—Maj. J. A. Hendricks and Henry Schmidt, both men of wide business experience and consummate knowledge of human nature. Patterson tried them both with his most ingenious method, but they said no.

The man seemed to be a happy combination of Mr. Jingle and Job Trotter, the Pickwickian creations of Dickens. One of his stock romances of hard fate was a story he always told with an apparent sense of virtuous pride. The story, in brief, was this:

He was the favorite son of a very rich father who allowed him an abundant supply of money; he had come South for pleasure and recreation; at DeLand he met and loved Miss McCorkle; she was a poor girl, and socially beneath him; but he loved her to madness, etc. When his rich papa was apprised of the situation, he promptly forbade the match. Patterson pleaded for his great love, but papa was obdurate.

"Marry her," said papa, "and I will disown you—I will cut you off without a penny, and for all time."

It was a terribly cruel order, but Love, the beautiful, the unselfish, the God-like attribute of the regenerated man, was the victor; it nerved him for the sacrifice, and he arose triumphant from the sordid temptation, happy in his choice and resigned to his fate.

Whenever the recitation of this touching story of mainly sacrifice was followed by a modest, plaintive request for a loan until pay-day, or until father relented (which mother will surely make him do before long), the "long green" was more than apt to be forthcoming from the unwary and sympathetic.

Patterson also played a brilliant role in St. Augustine. The Daily Record of that city gives an account of his career there, and tells something about wife No. 1.

The Record says: "Patterson came here some years ago from Macon, Ga., with his wife, whom he had married a short time previously. He obtained a situation without much trouble, and for some time clerked for R. J. Oliver."

Patterson was a man of pleasant address and open countenance, and became a general favorite. He ingratiated himself into the favor of a number of people, and by his plausible stories managed to secure a great many loans, which were never repaid.

Finally Mr. Oliver was compelled to discharge him on account of alleged irregularities, and he finally left the city, traveling around the State until he landed in DeLand.

Mrs. Patterson, who is a sweet-faced, black-eyed young woman, is employed in M. H. McGuire's store, and is a general favorite with the public. She has a little two-year-old son, and states that she was married to Patterson in Macon, and she soon found out her husband was in the habit of getting money out of people on various pretenses. Her family moved to St. Augustine, and as Macon became too warm for her husband, she induced him to come here and try to make a new and honest start in life, which he faithfully promised her to do. He fell into his old ways, however, and his present predicament is the result.

Mrs. Patterson is a daughter of J. S. Clements, of St. Augustine, and one of her uncles discovered Patterson's bigamous act and caused his arrest.

A SPIRITED OLD TIME

IN THE CITY COUNCIL

The regular bi-monthly session of the City Council Monday night was one of business from start to finish, and early in the proceedings there was a lively tilt between two laymen, Capt. J. B. Parkinson and County Commissioner Thomas L. Rodgers.

With the exception of Alderman Porter a full board was present, and the first matter of importance to come up was a batch of bills against the city. Then the fun commenced.

Clerk Wilkinson read: "Bill of J. B. Parkinson for collecting road tax from County, \$17.95."

There was a pause. Chairman Foster, breaking the silence, asked: "What shall we do with this bill?"

County Commissioner T. L. Rodgers got up, scanned the room with a sweeping glance, and addressed the chair:

"I want to say, gentlemen, that this bill is unnecessary expense. I was there to collect that money without cost to the city, and would have gotten it, but Mr. Parkinson interfered after I had the amount figured out and ready to present to the Board."

It was now Capt. Parkinson's turn to explain his bill. He got up and went to the Council table. "Gentlemen," said he, "I did not expect when I came in here to have a word to say about this matter, but I am forced to tell you a fact which I regret very much. Mr. Rodgers would not have collected that money. He was opposed to its payment at all, and used his utmost influence with members of the Board to prevent its payment."

Mr. Rodgers—"I deny the charge. It is false that I opposed it."

Capt. Parkinson—"You did oppose it, and you know it. You gave as your reason that you wanted to spend the money on the Mount Ararat road. Mr. George Clark and Major Hendricks were present with me, and I can prove what I say by them, and the members of the Board would bear me out in this if they were here."

Mr. Rodgers—"They would do nothing of the kind. I deny the charge that I opposed the payment of the money."

Capt. Parkinson then appealed to Maj. Hendricks, who was present, as to who was right in the matter.

Maj. Hendricks—"Capt. Parkinson is right in his statement. Mr. Rodgers did oppose the payment of the money, and did say he wanted to expend it himself."

Capt. Parkinson then went on to say that this money, amounting to \$544.50, had been due the city over three years, and he was assured by County Clerk Jordan, and by members of the Board of County Commissioners, that it could have been collected at any time, but that Mr. Rodgers had not asked for it.

Mr. Rodgers—"I deny that statement also. When I went into office my district was about \$600 in debt to the road fund, and since that time I have paid back the amount overdrawn and expended about \$1,000 on the county roads."

Capt. Parkinson—"I did not come here to have an argument with you, Mr. Rodgers."

Mr. Rodgers—"Nor I with you. But I want to set myself right with the Council. I do not mean to accuse you of deliberately misrepresenting me; you are simply mistaken."

At this warm stage of the controversy Alderman Atwood, who is rather deaf, broke in with an inquiry as to how Capt. Parkinson came to be the city's financial agent, or words to that effect.

It was then explained to him that City Attorney Spencer was sick and had employed Capt. Parkinson to collect the money, and that it was usual to pay the city attorney extra for service rendered outside the city limits.

This interruption was as oil upon the troubled waters, and put an end to the discussion. The bill was allowed.

Bills aggregating \$194.99 were passed on and paid as follows:

Salary and fees city marshal.....	\$ 44.00
Salary city clerk.....	12.50
Fees city physician.....	14.33
W. W. Carter, printing.....	2.00
J. B. Parkinson, commission.....	17.95
Street improvements.....	104.21

Permission to build docks on the river front were granted to W. H. Peters, I. R. Burns, Peter Siens, and E. T. Conrad.

J. D. Carmichael was granted permission to construct sewers from the Wray and the Mills properties to the river under the usual restrictions.

The ordinance regulating privies, etc., within the city limits came up for a third reading, and was passed.

The street committee was authorized to widen the sand fills on Ridgewood south of Live Oak street by scraping the top down to a grade 18 inches below the top of the grade stakes in the deepest part of each fill, thus widening out the fill equally on each side.

The Mayor was instructed to call a special municipal election, to be held on July 9, 1903, for the purpose of electing a Councilman to fill the unexpired term of Charles L. Smith, resigned. C. R. Cox, H. F. Douglass and E. W. Green were appointed inspectors and Edward Fitzgerald clerk, to conduct the same.

The Halifax River Yacht Club was given permission to use the ways on City Island until further notice for repairing boats, but not for storage purposes.

Beware of the man who talks a great deal of his own accomplishments and achievements. He is either a fool or a knave with sinister designs.

THE NEW FLORIDA GAME LAW

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to hunt, chase, kill, molest, or have in his, her or their possession any wild deer in this State, except during the months of November, December and January of each year. Any person violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined for each deer killed, or in his or her or their possession not more than one hundred dollars, or less than twenty-five dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than six months, or less than three months.

Sec. 2. That no person or persons, firm or corporation, shall sell, expose for sale, or have in his, her or their possession for sale at any time, any wild deer, venison or deer hide, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation, to ship or transport any deer, venison, or deer hide or hides, in this State for sale at any time, and it shall be unlawful for any common carrier to transport any deer, venison, or deer hide or hides, in this State at any time to be sold. Any person or persons, firm or corporation, violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars or more than two hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than three months or less than one month.

Sec. 3. That no person or persons shall have in his, her or their possession, or shall hunt or kill, any wild turkey, quail or partridges in any part of this State, save only from the first day of November until the first day of March of any year. No person shall kill more than four wild turkeys, or more than twenty-five quail, and no party of two or more persons shall kill more than six wild turkeys or more than fifty quail in any one day. And no person or persons, firm or corporation, association or company, shall sell, expose for sale, or have in his, her or their possession for sale in this State any wild turkey, quail or partridge. It shall be unlawful for any person to entrap any quail, except on his own enclosed, cultivated premises. Any person or persons, corporation, association, or company, violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars or more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding sixty days or less than thirty days.

Sec. 4. That any person or persons, firm or corporation, who shall ship any deer, deer hide or hides, venison, wild turkey, quail or partridge beyond the limits of the county in which the same were killed shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as prescribed in Section 1 of this Act. Any common carrier, or any agent or employee of such common carrier, who shall receive for carriage, or shall permit the carriage of any such deer, deer hide or hides, venison, wild turkey, quail or partridge by any such common carrier across any county line in this State, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as prescribed in Section 1 of this Act; provided, hunters or hunting parties may take their game home with them in this State, but not for sale.

Sec. 5. That until January 1, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any person to kill more than five deer during any one year. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars for each deer over five so killed, or be imprisoned in the county jail not less than sixty days.

Sec. 6. That all non-residents of the State, before hunting for the purpose of killing wild game in this State, shall apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county the said non-resident proposes to hunt in, and upon the payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the said Clerk by the applicant, the Clerk shall issue a permit to hunt in said county, only as provided for in this Act, and the same shall not be transferable; and it shall be unlawful for any non-resident of this State, without first obtaining said permit, which permit shall expire on the first day of March next following the date of its issue, to hunt in this State. That all money collected as provided for in this section shall be paid by the Clerk to the County Treasurer, and shall be applied to paying the fees or salary of a Game Warden for said county. Provided, that in any county where there is no Game Warden, then all money collected as provided for in this section shall be paid by the Clerk to the County Treasurer for the use of the fine and forfeiture fund. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in county jail not exceeding ninety days. Provided, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to counties having special game laws.

Sec. 7. That any person making affidavit giving information sufficient to convict another for violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be entitled to and shall receive one-half of the fine so imposed and collected, if the informant be the Game Warden; any other shall receive one-third of such fine.

Sec. 8. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval by the Governor of this State.

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